



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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Sampath et al.

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
IDENTIFYING MORPHOGEN ANALOGS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding final Office Action, mailed October 29, 2003, in connection with the above application. The office action provides a period of three months for filing a response. Therefore, a response was due January 29, 2004. Applicants are concurrently petitioning for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for filing a response to February 29, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed within the one-month extended deadline.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: